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Death linked to city gangs

CRIME Red Deer RCMP have released more details in the April 5 murder of 19-year-old Brandon Prevey, connecting the shooting death to Calgary gangs.

RCMP believe Prevey was gunned down in his jeep in the Red Deer subdivision of Inglewood by two males in a Pontiac Pursuit.

RCMP added they believe Prevey had been involved in an ongoing dispute with members of a Calgary gang for several years.

Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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Models strut their stuff on a runway set up on Stephen Avenue as part of Stylocity, a weeklong event featuring fashion, food, fitness, art, accessories and entertainment in an effort to draw more people into the downtown core.

Luring Calgarians to the core

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CAMPAIGN Attempting to draw more Calgarians to the core, the Calgary Downtown Association launched the Stylocity campaign with a fashion show on Stephen Avenue yesterday.

Stylocity is a weeklong event showcasing fashion, entertainment, lifestyle and dining in the core to encourage and remind citizens of what the downtown has to offer, marketing coordinator Caralyn Macdonald said.

"We want to get more people into the downtown core to enjoy everything it has to offer, and there is a whole range of things. There is more to the core," she added.

Macdonald said while the association is still trying to work with the city to lower parking rates, she pointed out there are still good rates to be had.

"It just depends where you park and what time, but sometimes you can get parking as low as $2."

Calgarians wanting to take in some of the events this week can find more information at downtown calgary.com.

Track may get new lease on life

Alderman will push for Race City extension to 2015

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A move by a Calgary alderman to extend the Race City Speedway lease is revving the engines of racing fans.

Ward 12 Ald. Ric McIver told Metro he will put forward the notice of motion to extend the race venue's lease until 2015 — a motion initially turned down in January, essentially forcing the closure of the track in 2010. After waiting six months, McIver will only need eight votes instead of 10 for the motion to move forward.

"People, certainly thousands of people that use Race City, consider it a very valuable asset," McIver said. He also noted the public-safety aspect, with a safer venue for drivers to test their wheels against others.

"When you add up all the benefits, then the bottom line becomes that Calgary is better with Race City than without it."

Race City fans are excited about having the alderman's support, including self-professed "gearhead" Darrin Heichert.

"It just makes sense for the city and it's a win-win situation all around. We're a city of over a million people and we need this," he said, pointing out both Edmonton and Vancouver have similar attractions.

"Calgary would rake in a lot of money like those cities with the kind of special events they hold."

The creator of an I Want Race City to Stay Facebook group, Adam Muise, said he fully supports McIver's motion and hopes Race City will stay where it belongs.

"I use it for drag racing — myself and my father spend a long time working on our race truck to use at that facility. I also go down with friends to have a fun night watching the races," he added.

The owner of Race City Speedway couldn't be reached for comment.

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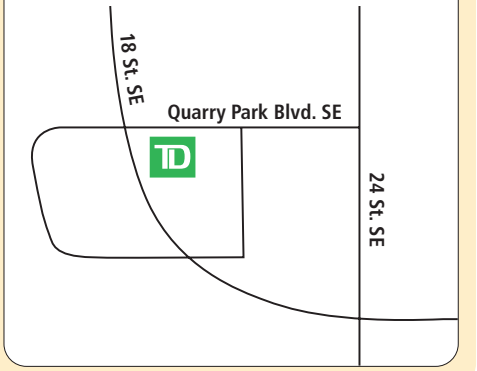

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Local

World's largest rock band coming

The world's largest rock band is coming to the Saddledome. The Trans-Siberian Orchestra will perform Nov. 18. Tickets for the show go on sale Sept. 14 at 10 a.m. and are available at Ticketmaster outlets. They run from $25 each to $57.50. Calgary is part of an 80-city North American tour. METRO CALGARY

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Calgary in brief

CLUES Search and Rescue volunteers spent yesterday scouring through Fish Creek Provincial Park looking for clues after a body was found Sunday by a man walking a dog in the area. Police have deemed the death suspicious but haven't released any information until an autopsy scheduled for today is completed.

ENROLMENT The University of Calgary is rolling out the welcome mat for 6,600 new students this year. The university met its target by boosting undergraduate ranks by 1,500, the school said in a release. The total population of students is expected to hit 29,000, a four per cent increase over last year.

9-1-1 TELUS is making progress with their joint investigation with the City of Calgary into why the city's 9-1-1 service failed Monday morning, according to spokesperson Chris Gerritsen. Gerritsen said the failure is a "rarity."

PESTICIDES The City of Calgary wants to hear from residents on a proposed pesticide bylaw. Over the last few months, city staff has met with stakeholder groups and the public about this issue. During September the city will host four public information sessions. For dates visit calgary.ca/pesticidebylaw.

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Think Pink, think survival

Breast cancer fundraiser hopes to collect $100,000 in donations

LISA CHU
for Metro Calgary

A sea of pink engulfed Stephen Avenue yesterday, as about 200 breast cancer survivors paraded through Bankers Hall to kick off Think Pink Week.

Cheers filled the air as parade participants gathered at Bankers Hall to celebrate their incredible journeys of survivorship.

This year marks the sixth year of the parade.

Corinne Davey, Survivor Parade volunteer for the past six years, said the event is extremely important to celebrate the women and men living with breast cancer.

The event provides awareness to help raise money for breast cancer research, education, and awareness.

Kassia Warshawski, coordinator for the fundraising calendar Pink Ribbon Pin-ups, is hoping to raise $100,000.

Warshawski, 24, said raising the money is important to her because she has always wanted to empower women.

"Supporting breast cancer is important to me, especially being so young."

All proceeds will go towards breast cancer research. Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among Canadian women, according to the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.

"Be breast aware. Know how they look and feel," said Brenda Moon, Survivor spokesperson.

Moon said this event is where the end of breast cancer begins — when everyone comes together as one. Think Pink Week runs Sept. 14-18 and the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation CIBC Run for the Cure takes place Oct. 4.

LISA CHU/FOR METRO CALGARY

Wilma Clark, breast cancer survivor of 24 years, celebrates the sixth annual Survivor Parade at Bankers Hall yesterday. The parade along Stephen Avenue kicked off Think Pink Week.

City expecting to see unfavourable balance

MEREDITH O'HARA
for Metro Calgary

FUNDS The City of Calgary's year-end budget projection is showing an unfavourable balance of $2.75 million, according to the second quarterly report for 2009.

The report on the city's operating budget will be presented to the finance committee today.

"Administration's job is to balance the budget by the end of the year," said Ald. Gord Lowe, chair of the finance committee.

He said he's confident they will find a way to balance things out.

"They've got half the year to bring it into line," Lowe said.

A number of departments are showing a favourable balance, Lowe said.

Some of that is attributed to savings in salaries and wages due to unfilled positions.

"The hirings were anticipated expenditures and they didn't materialize as a result of the economy," said Lowe.

The transportation department has the largest year-to-date unfavourable balance at $3.1 million.

The report lists high costs for spring clean-up of the roads and higher material, fuel and utilities costs for Calgary Transit.

About 20 per cent of the city's $2.75 billion budget was spent by the end of the second quarter.

Police make arrest in sex assault case

CRIME Calgary police have arrested a person of interest in an alleged sex assault that occurred just after midnight yesterday.

Police say a 30-year-old woman flagged down two motorists along 23rd St. Centre Ave. NE just after midnight saying she had been sexually assaulted.

Witnesses reported seeing an extended cab, older-model brown-and-cream-coloured Ford truck driving away, which appeared to be quite beat up, police said.

A man was arrested in northeast Calgary around 4:30 p.m. yesterday and a vehicle matching the witness description was also seized.

A search warrant for the vehicle is being sought.

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Tomorrow's Metro

Urban Foodie

Starting this Thursday, Metro is launching Urban Foodie a column reviewing Calgary's top dining spots, just in time for the weekend.

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Smoke from warehouse fire sends 200 workers home

Approximately 600 employees were evacuated from a warehouse fire at Hayworth, located at 10 Smed Lane SE, yesterday morning. Firefighters extinguished the fire and sent 200 employees home for the day because of the smoke. METRO CALGARY

Historic national park site to get $13.8M facelift

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The birthplace of Canada's national park system will be revitalized with a $13.8 million makeover for the Cave and Basin National Historic Site in Banff

National Park.

The Town of Banff is ecstatic about the Parks Canada announcement yesterday that will inject federal cash into the historic site over the next two years, Banff Coun. Stavros Karlos said.

"We're absolutely thrilled with the funding for Canada's first national park site and a site where it was sorely needed," Karlos said. "It's a beautiful site now and will be even more so after the facelift."

Karlos said besides the revitalization of the area, the municipality of Banff also has a plan to upgrade the roads.

The announcement will also celebrate the 125th anniversary of Banff National Park in 2010, Wild Rose MP Blake Richards said as he made the announcement.

"This will become a place to visit, gather, share and learn, and a place where people can celebrate the past and embrace future opportunities," Richards said.

The revitalized Cave and Basin National Historic Site will provide a new historical and cultural adventure for Canadians and visitors from around the world, according to Tourism Canada's Steve Malins.

"We're very excited and looking forward to the completion and for when visitors won't leave Banff without stopping at the basin before they leave," Malins said.

Construction is expected to begin in 2010 and completion is projected for 2012.

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Charity's tax exemption status revoked

NON-PROFITS Calgary-area based charity New Hope Ministries Institute has had their charity registration revoked by the Canada Revenue Agency.

The status officially was officially revoked Sept. 5, 2009, according to a CRA press release because it has "operated for the non-charitable purpose of promoting a tax shelter arrangement and for the private benefit of the tax shelter promoters."

Mount Royal University director of non-profit studies Keith Seel said the revocation is one of many in the last few months for charities not following the guidelines and said the CRA is especially targeting tax shelters.

"I think they give charities every opportunity to come within the guidelines before they finally revoke status," he said. "People should be aware if something is too good to be true, it usually is."

New Hope Ministries Institute did not return phone calls for comment.

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Calgary in brief

NON-PROFITS NDP MLA Rachel Notley is pressuring Culture and Community Spirit Minister Lindsay Blackett to explain recent comments about the upcoming 20 per cent cut to government grants for non-profits. Notley said Albertans who rely on non-profit programming deserve to know what areas will be affected. Blackett has not yet replied.

TEEN DIES A teenage boy is dead after playing with a pen-type flare gun, Rocky Mountain House RCMP said. Two teens were in a vehicle Monday when one of them began playing with the gun and it went off. Paramedics rushed to the victim who later died in hospital. The victim's name is not being released yet. Police are still determining what was in the gun when it went off. No charges have been laid at this time.

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Soldier repatriation happening today
A repatriation ceremony is scheduled for 1 p.m. today at Canadian Forces Base Trenton, Ont., for the two latest Canadian soldiers killed in Afghanistan. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Illegal election call?

Democracy Watch looking for court ruling on PM

It's now up to a judge to decide whether Prime Minister Stephen Harper's snap election call a year ago was not just politically self-serving but also illegal.

Lawyers squared off yesterday in the Federal Court of Canada in a case that could set a precedent across Canada, and even around the world.

Arguments began exactly one year after Harper forced an early campaign last September — the third in four years.

He did so despite passing changes to the Canada Elections Act in 2007 that set the next vote for Oct. 19, 2009, unless the government fell on a confidence matter first. Federal votes were to be held every four years after that.

The law does not clearly prohibit the prime minister from pre-empting a no-confidence vote and asking the Governor General to dissolve Parliament, which she agreed to do.

Still, watchdog group Democracy Watch says Harper's opportunistic move broke the spirit if not the letter of the legislation — what it calls the "convention" established by the law.

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Democracy Watch co-ordinator Duff Conacher waits for proceedings to begin in Federal Court in Ottawa yesterday.

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Ex-captive says al-Qaida tipped off

KIDNAPPING A former Canadian diplomat who endured four rough months in captivity after a gut-wrenching roadside kidnapping in Niger initially put his odds of surviving the ordeal at about five per cent.

Robert Fowler

In an interview with CBC broadcast on The National last night, Robert Fowler described the disconcerting moment he learned his captors were al-Qaida.

"The bottom of my world fell out," Fowler said.

The now-retired diplomat said he believed someone in the government of Niger or possibly with the United Nations had "shopped" him to the terrorist group.

"It could be the government of Niger; could be an al-Qaida sympathizer in the UN office in Niger, in the UN office in West Africa, in the secretariat building in New York," Fowler said.

Only the government and UN knew his itinerary, the diplomat said.

The UN special envoy to Niger and his aide Louis Guay were taken at gunpoint last Dec. 14 while driving on a main road about 40 kilometres northwest of the capital, Niamey.

Fowler, who was on his second visit to the country as special envoy, said Niger "hated" the mission aimed at resolving a fight over resource royalties between the government and rebels. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

MAY Federal Green party Leader Elizabeth May is jumping across Canada in her attempt to win the Green's first elected seat in Parliament. May has announced she will seek the nomination in Saanich Gulf Islands, the B.C. riding currently held by Conservative Gary Lunn.

BANKS Canada has again won the top rating in the world for the soundness of its banking sector, a sign many credit for the country's ability to escape the worst of the global recession. The World Economic Forum rankings places Canada's banks as the soundest in the world for the second straight year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Plains of Abraham event gets go ahead from feds

LAND A federal agency says it will give the green light to an event on the Plains of Abraham despite controversy over the public reading of a terrorist manifesto.

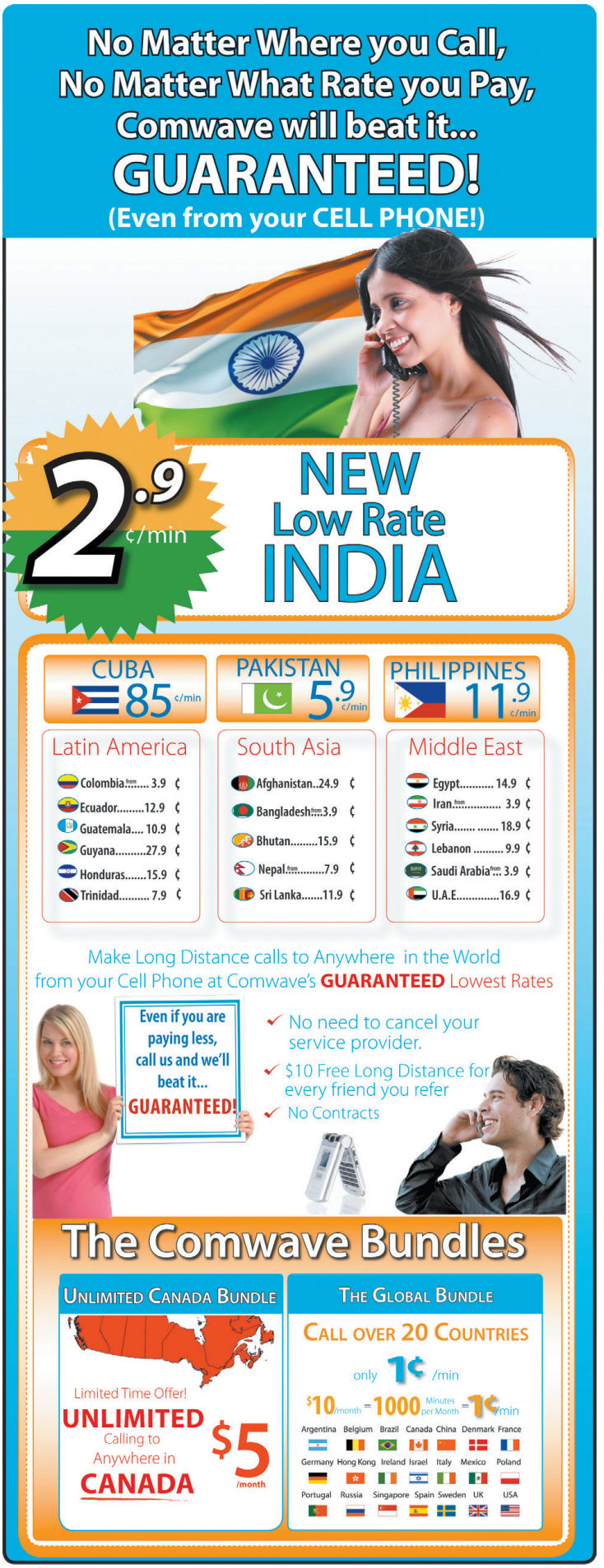
The National Battlefields Commission, which oversees Canada's historic battlefields, said yesterday it will allow the event to proceed despite the controversy involving the Front de Liberation du Quebec.

Approval

- Despite approving the land use the federal agency has not endorsed the event.

A decision to include the terrorist group's manifesto among items to be read at the event has prompted a boycott by federalist politicians, and an angry counter-reaction from Quebec sovereigntists.

But a battlefields spokeswoman said a final agreement is to be signed sometime in the next few days approving use of the land. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Polio vaccinations resume in Pakistan

Authorities in Pakistan's Swat Valley have resumed vaccinating children for polio, a practice the Taliban had banned as un-Islamic before they were beaten back by an army offensive, an official said yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Alcohol ads should go: Brit doctors

British doctors are calling for a total ban on alcohol advertisements in an effort to control their country's drinking culture. The British Medical Association says irresponsible drinking is being underpinned by "clever alcohol advertising" which needs to be stamped out. In a report published yesterday, the association said alcohol companies were spending hundreds of millions a year to promote consumption of their wares. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Afghan ballot recount ordered

ELECTION A UN-backed commission yesterday ordered a recount of tainted ballots from the Afghan presidential vote, saying it had "convincing evidence of fraud," even as President Hamid Karzai for the first time surpassed the threshold needed to avoid a run-off and win re-election.

Doubts are growing about the Aug. 20 election's credibility, a key step in NATO efforts to strengthen the Afghan government and bolster support for the eight-year war against the Taliban insurgency.

Grant Kippen, a Canadian and the chairman of the Electoral Complaints Commission, said the irregularities found include ballots not being folded — meaning they would not fit in a ballot box slot — identically marked ballots and overly large counts at polling stations. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Yale nixes cartoons

Yale University has removed cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad from an upcoming book about how they caused outrage across the Muslim world, drawing criticism from prominent alumni and a national group of university professors.

Yale cited fears of violence. Yale University Press, which the university owns, removed the 12 caricatures from the book The Cartoons That Shook the World by Brandeis University professor Jytte Klausen.

The book is scheduled to be released next week.

A Danish newspaper originally published the cartoons — including one depicting Muhammad wearing a bomb-shaped turban — in 2005. Other Western publications reprinted them. The following year, the cartoons triggered massive protests from Morocco to Indonesia. Islamic law generally opposes any depiction of the prophet, even favourable, for fear it could lead to idolatry.

"I think it's horrifying that the campus of Nathan Hale has become the first place where America surrenders to this kind of fear because of what extremists might possibly do," said Michael Steinberg, an attorney and Yale graduate.

Steinberg was among 25 alumni who signed a protest letter sent Friday to Yale Alumni Magazine that urged the university to restore the drawings to the book. Other signers included John Bolton, a former U.S. ambassador to the UN, former Bush administration. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Woman released from jail – against her will

SUDAN A woman journalist convicted of public indecency for wearing trousers outdoors was freed yesterday, despite her own desire to serve a month in prison as protest against Sudan's draconian morality laws.

The judge who convicted Lubna Hussein had imposed a $200 fine as her sentence, avoiding the maximum sentence of 40 lashes in an apparent attempt to put an end to a case that had raised international criticism of Sudan.

But Hussein refused to pay the fine, which would have meant a month's imprisonment. She told The Associated Press that she was freed yesterday after the fine was paid without her knowledge by the Journalist Union, which is headed by a member of the ruling party.

ABD RAOUF/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lubna Hussein arrives at court Monday.

She suspects that the authorities don't want her to spend any time in the prison in Omdurman, on the outskirts of Khartoum, where she said at least 800 women are serving time, many of them convicted under the indecency law. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

MILWAUKEE A man whom authorities say is linked by DNA to the slayings of nine women since 1986 was captured by police after a police officer spotted his car at a motel, authorities said. Walter E. Ellis, 49, has been charged in the deaths of two of the nine victims, and more charges are expected this week, prosecutors said on Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Comment

Common sense dulled once again

TheWestView

One of the hazards of being in the news business is you encounter so much preposterousness you never know whether to laugh or cry.

For example, Scouting, the official voice for the Boy Scouts in Britain, has advised scouts to stop carrying Boy Scout knives.

This is to prevent the spread of what Scouting calls "a growing knife culture in the U.K."

In response to the outcry, a Scout spokesperson left little doubt they were serious: "Scouting helps to prepare young people with valuable life skills, while keeping them safe by not carrying knives."

Wait a minute. The Boy Scout motto is: "Be Prepared." How are they supposed to be prepared to cut kindling, peel potatoes, open cans or other important Boy Scout stuff if they take away their Boy Scout knives?

When I think of the endless hours I spent as a Cub tying all those stupid reef knots and playing dodge ball in church basements so I could step up to Scouts and my own official Boy Scout knife, I feel the need to both laugh and cry.

Laugh because the idea of camping without tools or depending on the pack adult to pass out knives at the appropriate moment makes a mockery out of the self-reliance required to be a scout. Either give the little blighters the knowledge and skill required to become good scouts, or keep them at home and give out badges for ordering pizza.

Cry because in an attempt to remove life's sharp edges, we're putting our boys in a bubble, and boys are suffering for it. Indeed, there is a thin line between savagery and civilization, but there is also one between civilization and demoralization, and somehow we have to civilize boys without turning them into ciphers.

I hasten to add that girls are just as disadvantaged by the ban, as girls need to be just as prepared as boys. What's next? Confiscate all the needles from the sewing kits? No tent pegs?

And in case you were thinking Boy Scouts are anachronisms in the Age of Taking the 4-Wheel Drive to the Mall, last year there was a waiting list of 32,000 in the U.K. alone. Maybe kids are tired of Tweeting.

This knife thing is really disturbing because it comes out of the England, home of the father of Scouting, Lord Baden Powell. Just in case you were wondering what old BP thought about it, here's his take, right out of the Boy Scout manual:

"Be Prepared ... a scout must prepare himself by previous thinking out and practising how to act on any accident or emergency so that he is never taken by surprise." And: "The boy is not governed by don't, but is led by do."

So … DYB! DYB DYB! (Do Your Best!)

Get the point?

Paul Sullivan is a Vancouver-based journalist and owner of Sullivan Media Consulting; vancouverletters@metronews.ca.

Word on the street: How do you feel about the prospects of a fall federal election?

Zahra Pirani
age 24, Calgary

A: Personally I would be in favour of it.

Rich Elvers
age 40, Calgary

A: I don't really like the idea of it because there's been so many in the last few years. And it doesn't really seem like it's making much of a difference.

Lynn Ali
age 38, St. Albert

A: I think the majority of young people don't bother voting because they think nothing would change, but this would be an opportunity to reverse that mentality.

Alex Schecter
age 33, Ottawa

A: Nothing is going to change. I think Canadians have been through enough elections where nothing has changed. I think we're probably getting a little tired of the process and tired of wasting money.

Anne Melanson
age 44, Dartmouth, N.S.

A: A federal election in this country is becoming a bit of an annual event. If it leads to a majority government either way and we can move forward with some serious agendas, then I'm all for it.

Jim Kiem
age 47, Vancouver

A: It's pretty quick for a fall election. It's a 50-50 thing on whether we should go back for another election ... but maybe we should see if we can have a majority government.

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Dollar heading for parity again

The Canadian dollar's apparently relentless climb back to parity with the U.S. dollar is leading to speculation that the Bank of Canada may be considering doing more than talk about the dangers of a strong loonie.

The loonie has appreciated more than two cents in the past few trading days and many are projecting it could attain parity by the end of the year. It closed at 92.64 cents US yesterday, after briefly hitting 93.44.

While that may sound good to snowbirds contemplating a trip south in a few months, bank governor Mark Carney has warned such a move puts the strength of the economic recovery in jeopardy.

Most observers fully expect Carney to once again hector about the dollar's inflated value at tomorrow's policy announcement. However, economists caution the central bank risks losing credibility if it keeps warning about action, without following through. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Telus takes over Black's stores

WIRELESS Telus Corp. is acquiring Black's Photo for $28 million, joining rival Bell Canada in bulking up its retail presence in advance of the arrival of new competitors for wireless customers next year.

Some time before the holiday shopping season, Black's stores will begin selling Telus wireless products and services at 113 locations across the country, with a particular strength in Ontario.

Chief financial officer Robert McFarlane said yesterday Telus needs to increase its distribution in the most populous province and Black's is a "perfect fit."

Telus acquired Black's from the privately owned ReichmannHauer Capital Partners. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bell's buyout

- The Telus announcement follows a similar move by Bell Canada to buy 750 The Source electronics stores in March after Circuit City, its American parent, went bankrupt in the U.S.

Business in brief

METALS Gold prices rose above $1,000 US per ounce yesterday to its highest since March 2008, suggesting investors are wary of the U.S. dollar's weakness and expect international interest rates to remain low. Gold for October delivery traded up $9.69 US, or 1.0 per cent, at $1,005.00 per troy ounce on the New York Mercantile Exchange. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Sports

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Coyote bidder bails

Ice Edge drops out, leaving Balsillie, NHL in hunt

The Phoenix Coyotes appear to have one less potential buyer.

Ice Edge Holdings, a group made up of Canadian and American businessmen, no longer intends to participate in tomorrow's auction for the bankrupt NHL team, according to a court filing yesterday from NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman.

Ice Edge had initially said it would spend up to $150 million US to buy the team and keep it in Arizona, provided the group could work out a new lease arrangement with the city of Glendale.

If Ice Edge does not submit a bid, the field of buyers would narrow to Canadian billionaire Jim Balsillie and the NHL.

Balsillie has the highest bid, as much as $242.5 million US, and is contingent on moving the team to Hamilton.

The NHL bid $140 million US to buy the team and keep it in Glendale.

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Murray most disappointed

U.S. OPEN That upward-pointing arrow defining Andy Murray's career flattened out dramatically yesterday.

The Brit, who had ascended to a No. 2 ranking, was ousted from the U.S. Open by No. 16 Marin Cilic, 7-5, 6-2, 6-2 — a lopsided result as surprising for its score as the player to whom he lost.

Cilic overcame two set points in the first set, then pounded Murray over the last two to make his first career Grand Slam quarter-final. Murray, who lost to Roger Federer in the final at Flushing Meadows last year, will finish 2009 without making a major final.

The match ended in the late afternoon in New York and just before newspaper deadlines back in England, where the sports sections follow Murray's every move. Certainly, those headlines won't be nice this morning.

"Today, I could've been better in pretty much every part of my game, whether it was mental, forehand, backhand, return," said Murray, who conceded that, yes, this was the most disappointing loss of his career.

Meanwhile, former No. 1 Kim Clijsters, who spent two years on the sidelines, advanced to the semifinals with a 6-2, 6-4 win over No. 18 Li Na. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nestor out

- Daniel Nestor is out of the U.S. Open. The Toronto native and his Serbian partner Nenad Zimonjic suffered a 6-7 (4-7), 6-4, 6-0 loss to Max Mirnyi of Belarus and Andy Ram of Israel in quarter-finals doubles action.

Sports in brief

TRACK The results of Caster Semenya's gender verification tests are due to arrive at the IAAF any day, but the outcome is unlikely to see the world 800-metre champion stripped of her gold medal. Doubts about the South African's gender surfaced at the world athletics championships last month in Berlin when it emerged the tests were being conducted.

HOCKEY Jonathan Roy, the son of NHL hockey legend Patrick Roy, will stand trial next month and face assault charges for the on-ice beating he delivered to an opposing goalie in Quebec's major junior league. Roy had been trying to get the case tossed out. That motion was rejected yesterday by Quebec court judge Valmont Beaulieu.

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Workology

French fight in Quebec

Former Quebec premier Bernard Landry believes the province should impose French-only college education on the children of immigrants. Landry says it's time to apply Bill 101, launched in 1977 with the goal of protecting the French language in Quebec, to the province's CÉGEPs to ensure immigrant youth are fully integrated as francophones. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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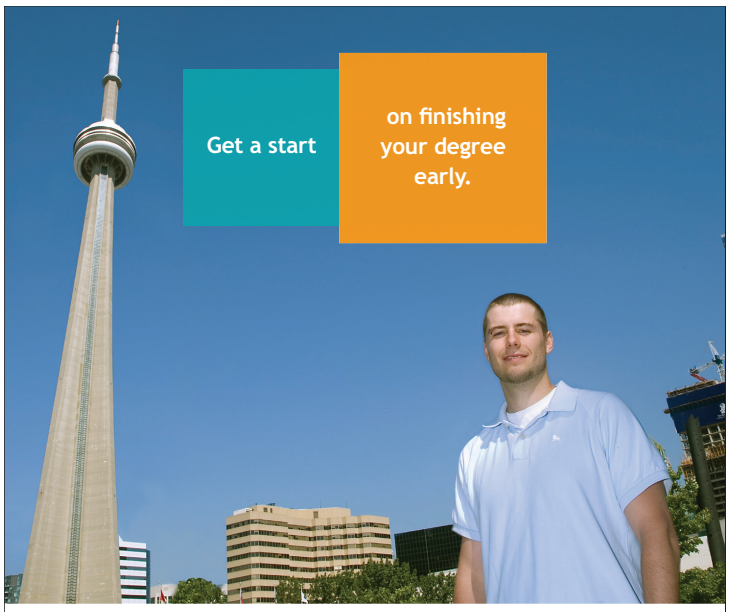

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RAFAEL BRUSILOW
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Here's a question: Which career averages a six-figure salary while guaranteeing employers across the country will climb over each other to hire you?

If you answered skilled trades, pat yourself on the back for getting something right that most Canadians tends to get wrong.

Despite many common misconceptions, careers in the skilled trades for electricians, welders, crane operators and scores of other trades people are lucrative, in demand and provide some of the steadiest and most satisfying employment available.

While the recent recession has impacted all levels of industry throughout the country, George Gritziotis, executive director of the Construction Sector Council, says the construction industry managed more of a soft landing as a result of almost $10 billion in government stimulus money and an unprecedented construction boom from 1996-2008, which saw employment hit a record of 1.2 million workers Canada-wide.

"Parts of the country went from overheated and super busy down to just being busy, so the downturn for us wasn't as dramatic as it could have been," he said.

Careers in the skilled trades usually begin with an apprenticeship that lasts five years, followed by graduation to journeyman status for full employment prospects. The ongoing shortage of skilled-trade workers across Canada is so pronounced, Gritziotis says, that before the current recession employers were hiring students before they had even finished their full apprenticeships.

With a shift from the private sector towards government-funded building construction projects such as roads, bridges, hospitals and schools, careers in skilled trades are likely to enjoy a strong foundation.

"For 2010 we're seeing a shift from private sector construction towards more in the public sector and that is good news if you're somebody coming into the industry because many of those public sector projects are long-term projects," Gritziotis said.

Despite the positive employment prospects for skilled-trades careers however, the future looks troubling for employers because Gritziotis says fewer people are going into the skilled trades than are retiring every year.

Skills Canada polls have shown that 60 per cent of young people say their parents have not encouraged them to consider a career in trades.

"The thing that doesn't change is demographics. How many parents look at a career in construction or trades as being a career that continues? The truth is it's not just a job to save up money to go into something else. There is a real career and a career path out there," he said.

A recent Construction Sector Council study estimates roughly 20 per cent of skilled-trades workers will retire by 2017 leading to a need for 300,000 new workers to fill the needs of the industry within that same time period.

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Surf's up Vancouver

In professional surfing, it's all about big waves — and the big prize. Come fall, Tofino, on Vancouver Island's wild west coast, will set the scene for Canada's first-ever pro surfing competition (Oct. 25 to 31). More than 100 professional surfers will hit the beaches, gunning for points during this World Qualifying Series. The competitor that secures the most marks throughout the series will take home the $145,000 purse. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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A taste of India in Bangkok

Outdoor markets tout sari sales, five-star hotels feature Indian chefs and Thais drop by a temple in the financial district to beseech Hindu gods to send profits their way.

India pops up in unexpected places in the Thai capital, with the country's ancient Hindu civilization infusing the Thai language, classical dance and religious architecture.

An estimated 140,000 of the city's 10-plus million residents have roots in modern India, making their presence amply felt in Bangkok's hotels, markets, tailor shops, the gem trade, cricket leagues and contemporary art galleries.

"It's a little-known Indian diaspora community compared to those in places like the United Kingdom or the United States — but perhaps equally influential," says Christopher Rego, a documentary filmmaker who selected Bangkok as the starting point for a multimedia project on the world's Indian communities. "It's like a microcosm of India's diversity."

Indian influences appear all across this sprawling city. Sukhumvit, an area popular with expats, has a plethora of Indian restaurants and major hotels operated by members of the Sikh community, many of whom have become extremely wealthy. In fact, large chunks of real estate in this area are owned by Thai-Indians.

On the other side of town, far from Sukhumvit's modern buildings and Western chain restaurants, Bangkok's official Little India borders the vast markets of Chinatown.

The golden domed Sri Guru Singh Sabha, believed to be the largest Sikh temple in Southeast Asia, towers over the area known as Phahurat, formerly an important centre for the textile trade.

Rolls of cloth are still sold at Phahurat's Indian markets, along with Punjabi sweets, incense sticks, jewelry and the latest Bollywood hits on DVD. The setting is less intimidating than the larger labyrinths of Chinatown.

Royal India, said to be Thailand's first Indian restaurant, is tucked into a small alley in the heart of Phahurat, across the street from the four-story India Emporium. Bangkok's Indian community and foreign visitors alike occupy the tables, where chicken masala and other traditional spice-laden dishes from northern India are served.

The Sikh temple in Phahurat remains very much a community place of worship, but the Hindu temple across town is a true religious melting pot. Thais and Chinese pay respect to the Hindu Goddess Uma Thewi at the Sri Mahamariamman Temple off Silom Road. Next door, Chennai Kitchen prepares fresh vegetarian food characteristic of southern India.

One of Bangkok's top tourist draws is the Erawan Shrine, built in 1956 to ward off problems plaguing the construction of an adjoining hotel. Crowds flock to a golden image piled high with flowers and incense as dancers pay homage to the four-faced Hindu god Brahma.

Although some 95 per cent of Thais are Buddhists, many include elements of Hinduism in worship stemming from cultural and religious influences which flowed across the Indian Ocean to reach Southeast Asia centuries ago.

"We ourselves are Thais, but we have an Indian look," said Jesse Gulati, 59, owner of Rajawongse tailor shop, echoing many among the community.

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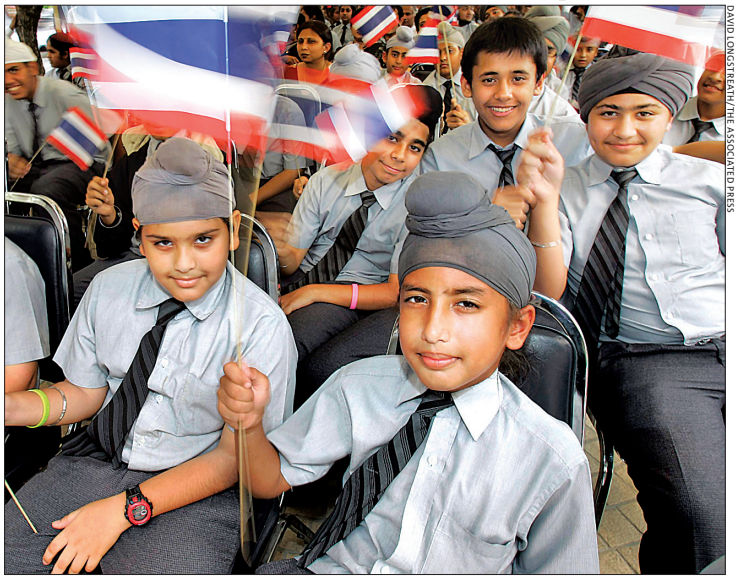

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Sikh boys wave Thai flags as they gather for a shrine dedication ceremony in Bangkok. An estimated 140,000 of Bangkok's more than 10 million people have roots in modern India.

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Sikh women, their hands adorned with henna, show off their patterns to one another prior to a wedding at the Sikh temple Siri Guru Singh Sabha in Bangkok, Thailand.

Good to know

Phahurat markets: Phahurat and Chakraphet streets. Nearby: Sikh temple, Royal India restaurant.

Rang Mahal Restaurant: Atop the Rembrandt Hotel, Sukhumvit Road Soi 18. The Sunday brunch is a rooftop feast fit for a maharajah.

Sri Mahamariamman Temple: Silom and Pan roads. Bangkok teems with temples, but this religious crossroads is truly unique. Nearby at Chennai Kitchen, try the dosais, or Indian crepes.

Indus: Sukhumvit Road Soi 26. This New York-inspired restaurant serves light, contemporary Indian cuisine, then turns into a nightspot.

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Why not hit some Canadian film fests?

Squeeze a flick or two into your travel schedule this year

The city of Toronto and its Toronto International Film Festival may be prepping for spotlight these days, but what about the rest of the country?

Turns out, there are plenty of Canadian film festivals that are either worthy destinations of themselves, particularly if you want to know what's happening regionally, or worth knowing about in case your travel schedule coincides fortuitously with them.

Here's a quick rundown:

Halifax

• 29th Atlantic Film Festival and Music & Image Program (Sept. 17 to 26). This year's program includes more than 225 titles from around the world. It kicks off with an opening night gala party to celebrate the world premiere of Trailer Park Boys: Countdown to Liquor Day. atlanticfilm.com

Canada from coast to coast is a country of film festivals, why not check a few of them out for yourself?

Ottawa

• Ottawa International Animation Festival (Oct. 14 to 18). This fest is the largest of its kind in North America, attracting film buffs, art lovers, filmmakers, and cartoon fans from around the world to the nation's capital. ottawa.awn.com.

Winnipeg

• WNDX — Winnipeg's Festival of Film and Video Art (Oct. 8 to Oct. 11). Established in 2006, WNDX features ground-breaking work by Canadian filmmakers and video artist. wndx.org.

• ReelPride (Oct. 13 to 17). Winnipeg's gay and lesbian film festival. reelpride.org.

Calgary

• 10th Anniversary Calgary International Film Festival (Sept. 25 to Oct. 4). With 188 films from 100 countries including features, shorts and documentaries. This year sees the launch of Mavericks, whereby 10 ground-breaking films from around the globe will compete for a $25,000 cash prize. calgaryfilm.com.

Edmonton

• The 23rd Annual Edmonton International Film Festival (Sept. 25 to Oct. 3). Screening approximately 50 features and 100 shorts at Empire Theatres in Edmonton City Centre. edmontonfilmfest.com

• The 28th Annual Global Visions Film Festival (Nov. 5 to 8). This festival shows the work of documentarians from Canada and around the world. globalvisionsfestival.com

Banff

• 2009 Banff Mountain Film and Book Festivals (Oct. 31 to Nov. 8). An international film competition featuring the world's best footage on mountain subjects. Banffcentre.ca/mountainculture

Vancouver

• The 28th Annual Vancouver International Film Festival (Oct. 1 to 16). VIFF presents more than 350 films from more than 70 countries. The 2009 lineup will be posted on viff.org as of Sept. 12. viff.org

• 13th Annual Vancouver Asian Film Festival (Nov. 5 to 8). Watch for this year's program to be announced at vaff.org.

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Manchester: More than just football

NINA ETTRUP
Metro World News

Manchester is best known as the home of two famous football teams. But "the capital of the North" has a lot more to offer than footballers' and their shopaholic wives.

Musical "Madchester"

When the long-haired hippies in the musical, Hair, sang about "Manchester, England, England" it was neither the first nor the last time the city had a musical connection. Both The Smiths and New Order were formed in Manchester, from where the "Madchester" scene of the late '80s sprung up, inspiring the Britpop sound of the '90s.

Architecture

Manchester has a quirky mixture of really old and brand-new. Old, crumbling crooked churches, sit side by side with high-rise buildings in glass and metal. It is not always a pretty mix but it is interesting to explore. If you fancy some more formal architectural sightseeing pay a visit to the Urbis museum, which offers changing exhibitions that all have "city life" as a theme.

Northern Quarter

New York has the Lower East Side, Paris its Marais, London its Soho; Manchester's hip neighbourhood is the Northern Quarter. Vintage shops, organic cafes, art book stores, dark little pubs and experimental music venues sit side by side on Oldham Street, Tib Street and Thomas Street.

Cheers

The Brits are good at drinking beer — and that is as true in Manchester as anywhere else. The local beer is called Boddingtons — the Cream of Manchester — and is served at most pubs. The first pint of Boddingtons was brewed in 1778, but it is still the third bestselling bitter in Britain.

High Up

A fine way of getting an overview of Manchester is by going for a ride on the Wheel of Manchester, a 60-metre high Ferris wheel in the centre of town. The closed cabins seat eight people and you can see the whole of the centre of town unfold like a labyrinth underneath you.

Is Stonehenge overrated?

Is Stonehenge overrated? Too many people at Machu Picchu? And what about the crowds at the Grand Canyon?

A new book, Off the Tourist Trail: 1,000 Unexpected Travel Alternatives says some of the world's most famous destinations are over-visited, overpriced and overrated.

But for every place it smacks down, the book suggests alternatives that provide comparable if lesser-known experiences.

The book's entry on the Great Pyramids of Giza complains that "Cairo's urban sprawl has seen houses and fast-food chains expand to the very edge of the ancient site, where an unbroken procession of tour buses spill out their charges." Some of the alternatives — like the Pyramids of Meroe in Sudan, 230 kilometres from Khartoum — are not necessarily more appealing to the average traveller, simply because they are harder to reach, but others, like the Pyramid of Cestius, in Rome, are worth considering. As an alternative to Stonehenge, the book suggests other ancient stone circles like Avebury, 135 kilometres from London, as well as places in Sweden and Germany.

For alternatives to Petra, the ancient city carved from red sandstone in Jordan, the book recommends not just the rock-hewn churches of Lalibela, Ethiopia, but also the cliff dwellings of Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado and the rock pueblos of Bandelier National Monument in New Mexico.

Whether you'd honestly consider beaches in Perth, Australia, and the Outer Hebrides as realistic alternatives to Miami Beach or Cape Cod probably depends on where you live and how many flyer miles you feel like using up. But ideas from Off the Tourist Trail are thought-provoking: Isla del Sol on the border of Bolivia and Peru rather than Machu Picchu and Iguazu Falls in Argentina and Brazil instead of Niagara

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The redesigned Buick Allure will be renamed the LaCrosse in Canada, using the name that has been used in the U.S. The Allure name was originally chosen for the Canadian model, as LaCrosse could be misconstrued as a slang term in French. CANADIANDRIVER.COM

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Nissan 370Z Roadster out next month

PRICING Nissan Canada recently announced pricing on the all-new 2010 Nissan 370Z Roadster, which goes on sale in October across Canada. The model will start at $46,998 and $48,498 for the six-speed manual and 7-speed automatic transmissions respectively. One model, the Touring Roadster, will be offered in Canada with base, Sport and Navi packages available.

The 2010 Nissan 370Z Roadster

"The 370Z Roadster delivers an exhilarating connection to the air, wind and environment on top of the new Z(R) Coupe's exceptional levels of performance," said Ian Forsyth of Nissan Canada Inc. "But perhaps unexpected for a car this sporty is its greatly enhanced refinement and quality — as seen in features such as its one-touch, auto-locking convertible top and beautifully crafted interior."

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The 2010 Subaru Legacy

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Subaru sedan takes aim at mainstream

MARK ATKINSON
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2010 Subaru Legacy

Type: Four-door sedan
Price: from $23,995
Engine: 170-hp 2.5L SOHC to 265-hp 2.5L turbocharged DOHC

Highlights

- Increased space
- Less expensive than before
- PZEV model available for the green driver

There's just something about Subaru that doesn't appeal to the general public. That's fine for company fans, though, who appreciate the rally history, turbocharged performance and all-wheel drive. When trying to build sales, though, sometimes you have to broaden your sights.

That worked for the 2009 Impreza, whose softening drew cries of criticism from the Subaru faithful, but also drew 50 per cent more sales.

Now it's the 2010 Legacy's turn. It takes careful aim at the mainstream, targeting the Honda Accord, Nissan Altima and Toyota Camry. In an effort to bring its size in line with its Japanese rivals, Subaru stretched the sedan in every direction. The increased space is aimed at improving cabin room while easing access to the rear seats.

The second row went from cramped to comfortable, thanks also to sculpted front seat-backs and longer rear doors that widen the gap available to climb in.

The all-wheel-drive Legacy is powered by a familiar mix of boxer engines, ranging from a 170-hp 2.5-litre SOHC through to the turbocharged 265-hp 2.5-litre DOHC version in the hot-handling GT. The mid-level six-cylinder is now 3.6 litres, and delivers 256 hp. For those concerned with protecting the environment without resorting to expensive hybrid or diesel alternatives, the Legacy PZEV (Partial Zero Emissions Vehicle) is still available.

On the road, the Legacy handles all conditions with aplomb, and is probably the best handling in the class. The steering is light, but direct, the body is controlled in corners, and it feels rock-solid on highways and backroads.

Style-wise, the new Legacy blends many current styling cues floating around the market to create a handsome if slightly forgettable design. You'll find bits of Infiniti, Lexus and Saturn in the crisp sides and arched rooflines.

Subaru's other priority is to offer a better deal to customers, which means significant price cuts: $3,000 less on entry level models, through $2,000 on the top-of-the-line GT. The new 2.5i starts at only $23,995 with a generous level of standard equipment. The PZEV is next at $26,395 with standard CVT and 16-in aluminum wheels.

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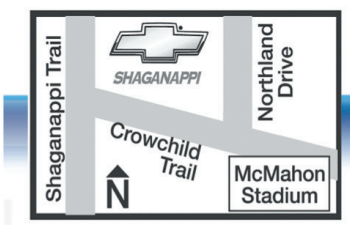

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Sold on Celica

Sports car a smart buy but watch for mods

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
for Metro Canada

Currently out of production, the Toyota Celica is still popular among sports car fans.

Second Gear

WHAT:
Toyota Celica, 2000-2005

VEHICLE TYPE:
Sports coupe

HISTORY/DESCRIPTION:
The last generation of Toyota's popular sports coupe was sold from 1999 until slumping sales killed it off in 2005.

Canadian shoppers could pick between a GT and a more powerful GT-S model. Both got a 1.8 litRE engine, tuned to make either 140 or 180 horsepower.

A four-speed automatic was available, and a five-speed or six-speed manual was standard for drivers who like to shift their own gears. The five-speed was standard equipment on the Celica GT, and the six-speed stick came with the GT-S.

All Celica's were front-wheel drive.

Look for features like a sunroof, keyless remote, power accessories and even leather seating.

WHAT OWNERS LIKE:
As with most sports cars, owners rave about styling and performance, especially where the up-level GT-S is concerned.

Those who drive modestly report decent fuel mileage, and many owners cite Toyota's reputation for reliability was a major factor in their Celica purchase.

WHAT OWNERS HATE:
Some owners of the GT-S model note that the high-revving engine lacks usable power in day-to-day driving. This engine is an import-tuner's dream — but it requires maximum revs to get the car moving at full speed. Problem is, pulling off 8,000 RPM gearshifts is a good way to get pulled over.

Interior storage space and trunk space aren't highly rated, and most Celica owners long for an easier time getting in and out of their ride.

COMMON ISSUES:
Celicas in the used market are commonly upgraded and modified. Minor modifications like an air intake or exhaust system aren't typically cause for alarm—though they should be checked out for quality of the parts and installation work.

Note that some modifications may violate local laws.

Avoid a model with major engine modifications like a turbocharger or nitrous oxide injection unless you're thoroughly familiar with their operation. Improperly used, either of the above could cause catastrophic engine damage with minimal notice.

When in doubt, stick to a model that's stock — or close to it.

Note the condition of the clutch, brakes and tires on a test drive. These consumable parts tend to wear more quickly in sportier cars, so you'll want to ensure the previous owner isn't trying to pass the cost onto you.

Inside, be sure to check for proper operation of all windows, the sunroof, and the air conditioner.

Uncertain? Take the vehicle to a Toyota dealer or your favorite mechanic for a check-over.

It may save you an expensive headache down the line. Some earlier GT-S models suffered from oil consumption problems and engine knock.

If you're considering an earlier GT-S, be sure it runs smoothly and without any questionable sounds. You'll also want to confirm that the exhaust is free of blue smoke.

A compression test on an older used Celica isn't a bad idea — just to be safe. Your mechanic can perform one in a few minutes.

THE VERDICT:
As a used sports car, a well-maintained Celica should prove a mainly trouble-free ride.

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Ford F-150 Raptor an off-roader's dream come true

Preparing to blaze new trails, the all-new 2010 Ford F-150 SVT Raptor is ready for the most challenging desert adventures. But this purpose-built, high-speed off-road truck also is engineered to be versatile enough to take on the everyday commute.

"With Raptor, we're taking the established performance of the F-150 to the next level and proving just how much Ford trucks can do," said Derrick Kuzak, Ford's group vice president for global product development. "The F-150 SVT Raptor doesn't just appear to be off-road-ready. It is off-road-ready. It was built with the off-road enthusiast in mind and will give consumers an off-road experience no other vehicle can."

Ford's special vehicle Team, known for engineering high-performance vehicles such as the Ford Shelby GT500, has outdone itself with the Raptor.

The Raptor was built specifically to fulfill the desires of the highly demanding and growing off-road performance market. High-performance off-road trucks are a market that is largely untapped, allowing SVT Raptor to set the bar for this type of vehicle.

Ford's special vehicle team, known for engineering high-performance vehicles such as the Ford Shelby GT500, have applied their talents to a truck with the F-150 SVT Raptor.

The Raptor also has a racing-ready version – F-150 SVT Raptor R – that has established its racing pedigree and performance capability.

Built alongside the F-150 at Ford's Dearborn Truck Plant in Michigan, noticeable exterior differences between the Ford F-150 SVT Raptor and the conventional F-150 start with a distinctive grille that has the Ford name carved into it.

Additional exterior differentiation includes front bumper, front fascia and fenders, functional vented hood extractors, fender extractors with "SVT" bored out, visible FOX Racing Shox and skid plates on the underbody for protection.

Another key difference between Raptor and the base F-150 is that the SVT truck is more than seven inches wider, which was necessary to harness the wider suspension and larger tires.

FROM CARGUIDE

Engine power

• The Ford F-150 SVT Raptor is powered by F-150's proven 5.4-litre Triton V-8 three-valve engine, which delivers 320 horsepower and 390 ft.-lb. of torque to power the truck through any terrain it faces.

New steam car record
The British Steam Car team set a new land speed record for a steam-powered car recently at a two-way average speed of 139.843 mph. The 25-foot-long car eclipsed the record Fred Marriott set in 1906 when he went 127.659 mph in a Stanley Steamer Rocket. **WIRED.COM**

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AutoPilot

Michael Goetz

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I was reminded of an emerging automotive trend while re-watching Woody Allen's 1973 film, Sleeper.

The film depicts life in 2173, and one of the more interesting appliances people have then is the Orgasmatron.

It looks like a small, round closet, and people go in there, either singularly or as a couple, to quickly and cleanly fulfill a function its name suggests.

This got me thinking about another home-based device that will also surely be part of our future — and one that even sort of looks like the Orgasmatron. Of course, I speak of home-based automotive refuelling stations.

Some examples are here already and many more are coming, because the way we energize our homes and the way we energize our automobiles seem to be converging.

Electric cars can already be recharged on home current. In the years ahead, we're sure to have high-voltage outlets that are designed specifically for re-charging electric car batteries.

And if you got a super green house plastered with solar panels, and have surplus electricity, you'll want to make sure this nice, clean juice gets into your car somehow.

Lots of automakers are putting R&D money in home refueling initiatives, but none more than Honda.

It has operated an experimental Home Energy Station in Torrance, Calif., since 2003. The station uses a fuel cell to generate hydrogen from natural gas, to provide heat and electricity for the home, and for fueling a hydrogen-powered fuel-cell vehicle.

But I think Honda's neatest such device is the MCHP (for Micro-sized Combined Heat and Power-cogeneration). It's basically a little hybrid for your basement. Natural gas powers a small engine, that runs a generator that makes electricity (just like Chevy Volt).

The MCHP is paired with a furnace or boiler to generate heat, and up to 1.2 kilowatts of electricity, which could displace the electricity that a homeowner would otherwise have to buy off the grid. Honda says a typical house could see a 30 percent reduction in fuel costs.

Honda has sold over 50,000 of these units in Japan since 2003, and is now selling them, for about 10 grand each, in a few states in the U.S. Northeast.

No silver bullet. But maybe another piece of the puzzle.

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Honda's MCHP units are like little hybrids for homes, generating cleaner electricity for both houses and cars.

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2011 Volvo C70 debuting at Frankfurt
The new 2011 Volvo C70 that will be introduced at the Frankfurt Motor Show Sept. 15 will reveal a new front end, rear end and minor changes to the interior design. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Super-rev super sedan

AMG E63 a speed demon with all bells and whistles

PETER BLEAKNEY
for Metro Canada

Mercedes Benz's AMG E63, which arrive in Canada later this year, aspires to run with BMW's M5.

Dream car

2010 M-B AMG E63

Type: Premium luxury sedan
Price: from $125,000
Engine: 6208 cc DOHC V8
HP/Torque: 518/465 lb.-ft.

Highlights

- Hand-built engine
- Sport settings
- Latest safety technologies and comfort features

REVIEW Mercedes-Benz's AMG vehicles have never been wanting for straight-line speed. So it was no surprise AMG's take on the freshly-minted 2010 E-Class sedan, the 518 hp 6.2L V8 E63, proved a formidable autobahn missile — rock solid, quiet and still pressing the backside hard into the 14-way sport seats at speeds that would have had yours truly on the front pages and behind the pipes in Ontario.

But it's away from this natural AMG habitat where the new E63 surprises. Like the 2009 C63 AMG compact sedan that plays in the same sandbox as the poetic BMW M3, this E63 aspires to run with the $106,900 500 hp V10 BMW M5 — and closes the gap considerably.

The 2010 E63 AMG will be arriving in Canada during the fourth quarter of 2009. It should come in close to the current car's $121,100 list.

The E63 combines a front steel suspension for better road feel with self-leveling rear air suspension. The newly developed three-link front setup sports a wider track (up 56 mm) and increased negative camber for more front-end bite.

As with most mega-performance German saloons, one is presented with a dizzying number of dynamic possibilities. ESP (electronic stability program) has three settings — On, Sport or Off. How brave are you feeling? A three-level adaptive damper system firms things up when the going gets frisky, or can be set to sport or the more extreme sport plus.

The seven-speed Speedshift MTC features four selectable modes: the short-shifting economy C mode, the more aggressive Sport and Sport Plus modes (throttle response sharpens too), and finally the fully manual M mode wherein the steering-wheel mounted paddles beckon the ratios.

Not a twin-clutch or torque converter type transmission, AMG's unique multi-plate wet clutch setup works a treat. Shifts are smooth and quick and it double-declutches on downshifts with sexy rev-matching. There is launch control as well.

The soul of any AMG product lies in the engine, and doing duty underhood is AMG's hand-built hi-revving 6208 cc V8 that is massaged to produce 518 hp at 6800 r.p.m. (up 11 hp from last year's E63) and 465 lb.ft. of torque at 5200 r.p.m.

Foregoing the turbo and supercharger route, this DOHC 32-valve V8 makes its power the old fashioned way — lots of displacement and lots of revs.

And what a soundtrack. This big bent-eight gets all NASCAR on us when caned, bellowing like a randy moose.

Of course, the E63 AMG is foremost a premium luxury Mercedes-Benz sedan, bristling with the marque's latest safety technologies and pampering its occupants with a finely crafted interior awash in comfort and convenience features.

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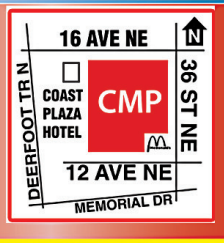

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Disney brings back Jackson film

Michael Jackson is to be honoured at Disneyland. The theme park is considering bringing back Captain EO, a 17-minute 3-D movie starring the late King of Pop which was originally shown at the venue in the '80s and '90s. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Entertainment

Hottest Torso

Daniel Craig has been voted Hollywood's Hottest Torso in a lovefilm.com poll for the scene in Casino Royale where he emerges from the ocean wearing a pair of tiny blue swimming shorts. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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Reviving the original Beatles

Fab Four catalogue digitally remastered for the first time

GRAHAM ROCKINGHAM
for Metro Canada

Pop music comes and goes. What's hot now will surely not be in a couple of years. Unless, of course, it's by The Beatles.

Forty years after the Fab Four folded, their popularity continues to cross all age groups. Recent polls show they appeal to a greater cross section of generations than any other artist — more than Sinatra, Elvis, or even Michael Jackson.

So mark today as something of an historic occasion — the day EMI releases the Beatles Remasters, a box set containing the band's complete original works, digitally remastered for the first time. These albums are what the folks at EMI call "the core catalogue." They've made the date easy for us to remember — 9-9-09 as in "... Number Nine, Number Nine, Number Nine."

Besides offering a bigger, brighter sound, the digital remastering represents the first step in making Beatles music available for download to your iPod. Negotiations continue on that big-money deal, but it's only a matter of time. First they've got plastic to peddle.

Sales will be brisk. Pre-orders for the coveted mono version have already sold out on Amazon.com. Suggested list price for the stereo version is $293.79, but major retailers will offer it at closer to $190. If that's too steep, you can still purchase the CDs individually. (To draw in the kids, a Beatles edition of the Rock Band is also being released, at a price of about $250.)

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The box set contains all of the Beatles LPs as originally released in England, plus the American version of Magical Mystery Tour with its five added singles.

There's a double disc called Past Masters, a compilation originally issued in 1987 containing 33 singles never placed on albums. The set also includes a documentary DVD, as well as mini-docs embedded in each CD.

For true aficionados, there's an alternative box available with the first ten discs remastered in original mono, the way they were first mixed by producer George Martin. That's priced $30 to $60 more.

So does "remastered" sound better? Well, yes and no. It's cleaner, fuller, more immediate. Highs are higher and lows lower. Some clicks and pops were removed, but always with the integrity of the original in mind.

The vocal separation is extraordinary. Check out the "oohoohs" in Fixing a Whole. The guitars of John and George come through so big and bright they glisten, while Paul's adventurous bass lines are revealed like never before on tracks such as And Your Bird Can Sing.

Ringo's innovative cadence on tracks like Ticket To Ride comes through loud and clear.

Sometimes, however, the clarity works to distraction. The opening chord of Hard Day's Night has never rung truer, but the incessant cowbell on I Should Have Known Better, and the bongos on Ticket to Ride were better lost in the mix.

And there's those little things that you may not have noticed before, like John's yawn on I'm Only Sleeping and his "bye-ee" at the start of the Sgt. Pepper's reprise.

The true value to this remarkable box set, however, is the fact that it's all there ... in one place ... to be savoured. Thirteen wondrous albums over just seven years, each one a creative breakthrough.

Take a long weekend, listen to them in order and marvel at how they did it.

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Stafford expecting first child

Thanks to the help of a surrogate, The Young and the Restless star Michelle Stafford — who plays Phyllis Summers — is expecting her first child this December. PEOPLE.COM

9 remarkably uplifting

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Director: Shane Acker
Stars: Elijah Wood, Jennifer Connolly
Classification: PG
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕

NED EHBAR
for Metro Canada

#9 (voiced by Elijah Wood), #7 (voiced by Jennifer Connelly), and #5 (voiced by John C. Reilly) face peril in Shane Acker's epic adventure fantasy 9.

REVIEW With more and more computer-animated films coming out each year, it's easy for a non-Pixar entry to get lost in the shuffle.

Hopefully such a fate will not befall Shane Acker's debut, 9, the feature adaptation of his Oscar-winning short about a band of scrappy burlap dolls-come-to-life fighting against frightening contraptions that are all that's left of the war between men and machines. (The machines won, by the way.)

Like the little burlap refugees, the film itself comes off as scrappy, full of gumption. By focusing on characters less than a foot tall, it forces the audience to see the world from a much different vantage point, where much of our cast-off scrap can come in handy: Exact-o knives as sabers, headlight bulbs as torches.

And in the wreckage of an apocalyptic war, there's plenty of scrap to go around.

The addition of vocal talent doesn't always completely gel with the action. (The original short was dialogue-free.) And while the cast, including Elijah Wood, Jennifer Connolly and John C. Reilly, is quite game, something about the end result seems lacking.

Maybe it's the fixed expression of wonder on the dolls' faces, due mostly to their permanently wide metal eyes. No matter what they're saying, they always look kind of like simpletons.

But none of this ruins the film, which packs a lot of action and exploration into a very swift running time. And while the main goals of the patchwork heroes might get muddled, their spirit shines through. For something set in the charred wasteland of the fall of man, it's remarkably uplifting.

Screentimes

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- *Times are subject to change. Complete listings are also available at metronews.ca/movies.*

On the web

- For 9 photos, trailer and screentimes — or to buy tickets — visit metronews.ca/movies.

Brown, Cole join Jackson tribute

MUSIC Mary J. Blige, Chris Brown and Natalie Cole will be among the top artists performing at a Sept. 26 Michael Jackson tribute concert in Vienna, organizers said Tuesday.

But they left open the possibility that major stars such as Madonna might still be part of the show, which will take place outside a 17th-century palace in the Austrian capital.

"Just hold your horses!" Jackson's brother Jermaine told reporters at a packed news conference in Vienna's city hall.

Event promoter Georg Kindel said that up to 25 performers are expected to participate in concert, which is being billed as the main global tribute for the King of Pop, who died June 25 in Los Angeles.

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Kenya Hunt

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critics' corner

South Park

The premise is clever — a "Night of the Living Dead" parody with homeless people instead of zombies — but the execution of this episode leaves a lot to be desired. A half-hour episode needs more than one joke to carry it, and you'll quickly tire of the homeless hordes calling out for "Chaaaange! Chaange!" When you're watching "South Park" and repeatedly consulting the clock to see if it's close to being over, something's wrong. 10:30 PM on COM

Melrose Place

The addictively cheesy 1992-99 Fox soap gets a new millennial reboot on a different network, with Laura Leighton returning to her role as Sydney Andrews, now the landlady at the titular Los Angeles apartment complex. In the series opener, Violet Foster (Ashlee Simpson-Wentz), the newest tenant, discovers a bloody corpse in the courtyard pool. Thomas Calabro also reprises his original series role as Dr. Michael Mancini in "Pilot." 8 PM on CICT

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Celebrity Buzz

Jon and Kate's hate

MARRIAGE GONE SOUR Kate Gosselin didn't just steal a decade of estranged hubby Jon Gosselin's life — she also swiped his wedding ring, Jon told Good Morning America on Monday.

He also announced that he despises Kate, 34, who he says filled their many years of marriage with anger and abuse, people.com reports.

It's a long way from only a couple weeks ago, when he said he still loved her.

Almost as bad, he says, she stole his wedding band. He put down the ring one day only to have it disappear — and Kate's the only person who could have taken it, he alleges.

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Nicole ready to pop?

ANY MINUTE NOW Nicole Richie is ready to pop. The former reality star, who is pregnant with her second child with Joel Madden, reportedly checked into a Los Angeles hospital last week after attending a memarial service for ex-boyfriend DJ AM, according to Hollyscoop.

Richie's due date is reportedly some time in early September.

"It's very exciting," Nicole's father, Lionel Richie, said. "Joel is hoping for a boy, but knowing Nicole she's hoping for a little girl again. They're not telling me what sex the baby is because I'll tell everyone."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Michael's new neighbours

DESIRABLE NEIGHBOURHOOD Michael Jackson has sparked a real estate boon at the cemetery where he was laid to rest in Glendale, Calif.

Representatives of Forest Lawn Memorial Park tell TMZ that since Jackson was buried, plots surrounding his have increased in price by $2,000 to $3,000 US.

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Celebrity tweets

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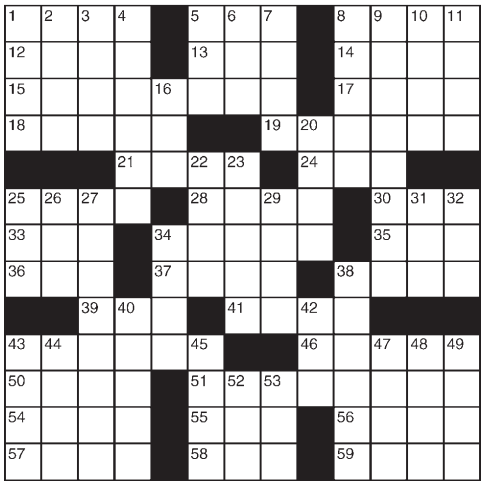

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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ACROSS

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8 Get bigger
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13 G-8 member
14 Hayseed
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17 On
18 Rushmore face
19 Potpourri pouch
21 Paraphernalia
24 12-Across, e.g.
25 Wee bit
28 Inlet
30 Computer key
33 Luau bowlful
34 Done
35 Knight's address
36 Drone
37 Antelope's playmate
38 Catch sight of
39 Early bird?
41 Do what I say
43 Billfold
46 Gun the engine
50 Neighbourhood
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56 Enrages
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58 Petrol
59 Pub missile

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6 Donkey
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8 Dinnertime prayer
9 Cruel
10 Reed instrument
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16 Caustic solution
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22 Teen's woe
23 Wild West show
25 Speedometer stat
26 Debtor's letters
27 Eternal
29 Trick or treat?
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32 5-Down's partner
34 Advantage
38 Pupil's cover
40 Candied
42 Mess up
43 Test the waters
44 Met melody
45 Hoodlum
47 Miles of movies
48 Addict
49 "Hey, you!"
52 Carte lead-in
53 They're faster than e-mails

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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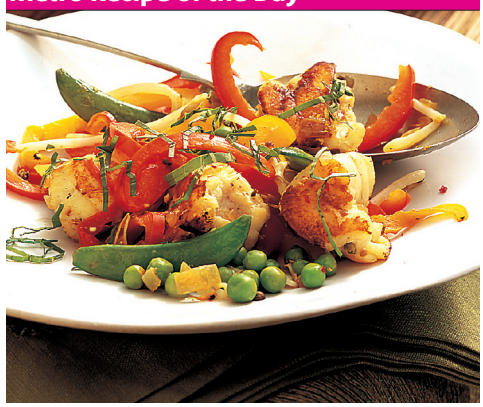
Metro Recipe of the Day



Peppered Fish with Lemon and Basil

INGREDIENTS:
2 tbsp (25 ml) vegetable oil
1 onion, finely chopped
2 red peppers, deseeded and thinly sliced
2 yellow peppers, deseeded and thinly sliced
6 oz (175 g) sugar snap peas
1 lb (500 g) firm white fish fillet, skinned and cut into 1 ½-in. (4 cm) chunks
1 lemon, zest grated and juiced
2 tsp (10 ml) mixed peppercorns, coarsely crushed
1/4 cups (300 ml) frozen peas, thawed
1/4 cups (300 ml) bean sprouts
Small bunch fresh basil, finely shredded

METHOD:
1. Heat wok or large frying pan over high heat and add 1 tbsp (15 ml) oil. Add onion and stir-fry 1 minute. Stir in peppers and sugar snap peas; continue stir-frying 3–5 minutes until vegetables are tender but still crisp. Transfer vegetables to plate using slotted spoon and keep in warm place.
2. Add remaining oil to wok and heat, then add fish and stir-fry over gentle heat 4 minutes (carefully turning chunks so as not to break them up) until fish is cooked through and flakes easily when tested with point of knife.
3. Add lemon zest, lemon juice and crushed peppercorns to wok. Return stir-fried vegetables to wok together with peas and bean sprouts. Heat through, stirring, 2–3 minutes. Scatter basil over top and serve at once.

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Moderation is a must today because with Mars, your ruler, under pressure in the emotional sign of Cancer you will find it difficult to stop once you start.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Someone you meet while travelling or socializing will be a lot of fun and there is even a chance of romance if you are unattached.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Your taste for luxuries may well get the better of you today, but that's OK as you need something to cheer you up.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
There is a danger that you could be a bit too casual today and let others get away with things they don't really deserve.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
By all means help people in need today, but first make sure that they are deserving cases. Some individuals will try to make a buck or two.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You don't have to back down in the face of provocation but look for ways you can be friends with people rather than enemies.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Someone you are not naturally close to will treat you like a long lost friend today. Should you be suspicious?

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
With Mars moving through one of the more positive areas of your chart this should be a highly productive time for you.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You need to get over the idea that you can force other people to see things your way. It's not going to happen.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Cosmic activity in your opposite sign of Cancer will bring some kind of challenge, but you are well equipped to deal with it.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Wishful thinking may be fun but it won't pay the bills or take you closer to your long-term goals.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
As far as some people are concerned you can do no wrong. As far as others are concerned you can do no right. You cannot be friends with everyone.

This day in history

SEPT. 9, 1543: Mary Stuart, at nine months old, is crowned "Queen of Scots" in the central Scottish town of Stirling.
SEPT. 9, 1776: The Continental Congress officially names their new union of sovereign states the United States.
SEPT. 9, 1914: World War I: The creation of the Canadian Automobile Machine Gun Brigade, the first fully mechanized unit in the British Army.
SEPT. 9, 1956: Elvis Presley appears on The Ed Sullivan Show for the first time.
SEPT. 9,1993: The Palestine Liberation Organization officially recognizes Israel as a legitimate state.

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